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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Edward Dakin et al. Attorney Docket No.: 37841.1.5  
Application No.: 10/629,007 Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: July 29, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3738  
Confirmation No.: 7345 Customer No.: 022859  
For: INTERNAL CORD FIXATION DEVICE

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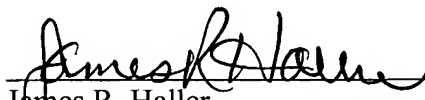
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed October 10, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 24, 2003 to January 24, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity. Please apply any deficiencies or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

Respectfully submitted,

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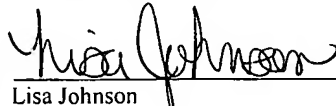
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